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**Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application
English Language Declaration**

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Pipe Joint Construction

the specification of which (check one)

- ☐ Is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on _____ U. S. Serial No: _____
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Prior Foreign Application(s)

			Priority Not Claimed
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